# *Prayers of Thanksgiving*
# *For Your Holiday Dinner*

*Before sitting down for your Thanksgiving feast on November 27th,*
*do not neglect to thank God in **PRAYER**!*
*Feel free to use the following prayers:*

In the name of the + Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

We, Your thankful and unworthy servants, praise and glorify You, O Lord, for the many blessings we have received from You. We bless You, we thank You, we sing to You and we rejoice in Your great mercy. In humility and love, we praise You: O Benefactor and Savior, glory to You.

**AMEN!**

# — *Schedule for November 23-December 6, 2025* —

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| *Sun | 11/23/2025 | 24th Sunday After Pentecost |
| | 9:00 AM | Divine Liturgy |
| | | *Weekly Perpetual Commemorations for November 23-29:* |
| | | *SOBOTA, Peter & Mary* |
| | | *PACINDA, Joseph, Mary, John, Joseph & George* |
| | | *JAEGER, Joseph* |
| Tues | 11/25/2025 | *Leave-Taking of the Entrance; St. Clement of Ohrid* |
| | 9:00 AM | Divine Liturgy *With Weekly Perpetual Commemorations* ***(CHAPEL)*** |
| Wed | 11/26/2025 | *Thanksgiving Eve* |
| | 6:00 PM | Thanksgiving Prayer Service |
| | | *Reflection Topic: "Giving Thanks"* |
| *Sun | 11/30/2025 | 25th Sunday After Pentecost |
| | | Apostle Andrew the First-Called |
| | 9:00 AM | Divine Liturgy |
| | | *Election of Officers Meeting* |
| | | *Weekly Perpetual Commemorations for November 30-Dec. 6:* |
| | | *KUDELKO, Anne* |
| | | *LUKAC, Joseph* |
| | | *HNAT, Michael & Mitzi* |
| | | *POLANSKY, Anna & George, Paul & Ann AMICO* |
| Tues | 12/2/2025 | *Saint of the Day: Prophet Habakkuk* |
| | 9:00 AM | Divine Liturgy *With Weekly Perpetual Commemorations* ***(CHAPEL)*** |
| Wed | 12/3/2025 | |
| | 6:00 PM | Prayer Service for the Nativity Fast |
| | | *Reflection Topic:* |
| | | *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"— Jesus the Messianic King* |
| Fri | 12/5/2025 | |
| | 6:00 PM | Vespers for the Holyday of St. Nicholas |
| | | at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church (2053 North Rd NE, Warren, Ohio) |

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| SAT | 12/6/2025 | ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA THE WONDER-WORKER (HOLYDAY) |
| | 9:00 AM | Divine Liturgy |
| SAT | 12/7/2025 | 26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST |
| | 9:00 AM | Divine Liturgy |
| | | *St. Nicholas Celebration* |

## OFFICIAL NOTICE OF PARISH MEETING

The Annual **Election of Officers Meeting** will take place on **Sunday, November 30** after Divine Liturgy. All members in good standing (having received Confession and Communion at least once within the past year and who support the church financially) are invited to participate. This announcement will be made from the pulpit on Sundays November 16, November 23 and November 30.

## *Join Us For Our Annual St. Nicholas Celebration*

December 6th is the holyday of St. Nicholas, a beloved saint known for his faith and generosity. "St. Nicholas" will be making his annual visit to our church on the Sunday following his holyday: Sunday, December 7, 2025.

We will have a potluck meal following Liturgy. ALL are welcome to this community event! Please sign up if you plan on attending. If you would like to bring something to share, please speak with Laura Fette.

Parents, please let Pani Vikkie know by November 30th if your child will be in attendance, so St. Nicholas can prepare accordingly.

# FALL 2025 PIROHI WRAP-UP

| | | GROSS | NET | |
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| October 10, 2025 | 296 Dozen | $ 2667.00 | $ 2518.82 | |
| November 14, 2025 | 296 Dozen | $ 2631.00 | $ 2462.22 | |
| TOTAL | 592 Dozen | $ 5298.00 | $ 4981.04 | PROFIT |

We want to express our sincerest **GRATITUDE** to all St. John's Members who gave of their time and talent to participate in our Fall Pirohi Sales. We had many "newbie" members who participated, BUT they quickly "learned their trade!!" We had awesome turnouts for both sales and were FINISHED by 10:45 am!! We also THANK the "Pinchers" who kept all those fingers nimble for those **7104 Pirohi** !! We want to give a HUGE SHOUT-OUT to Tommy Ristvey of **VEY'S Pub and Grill** who generously donated the 30# of cheese and the 300# of potato used in the sales. We also want to thank Jerry Chupak and Steve Saluga who provided the delicious morning donuts, to Melinda Kroko for organizing the luncheon afterwards, and to ALL THE LADIES who provide the foods. Our next sale will be on MARCH 6, 2026. COME, LAUGH and have FUN with us!!

## Stewardship

*Dan Hromyak*

*"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." - Colossians 1:12*

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we pit our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. Open your heart and let Him in!

*"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." - Matthew 24:42*

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

*Prayerfully Prepare for Christmas:*

# Pre-Nativity Services & Reflections

***Wednesdays at 6:00 PM***

■ **November 26**
Prayer Service of Thanksgiving
*Reflection on Thanksgiving*

■ **December 3**
Prayer Service for the Nativity Fast
*Topic: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" – Jesus the Messianic King*

■ **December 10**
Prayer Service for the Nativity Fast
*Topic: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing..." – Christology in Christmas Carols*

■ **December 17**
Prayer Service for the Nativity Fast
*Topic: "We Three Kings" – What the Gifts of the Magi Signify about Jesus*

## *The Sacrament of Confession*

*is available during the Nativity Fast...*

- *Before Wednesday Evening Services from 5:00-5:50 PM.*
- *Before Sunday Liturgies from 8:15-8:45 AM*
- *Before Weekday Liturgies (ending 10 minutes before service)*
- *Before Saturday Vespers (ending 10 minutes before service)*
- *By Appointment*

Confessions will not be heard on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, so plan accordingly!

*"Let every heart Prepare Him room…"*

The snow is flying, hoildays are coming and our Christmas Market is right around the corner. Many thanks to those who offered to bake, make snacks, soup and other goodies for our guests to purchase. Without your generosity and hard work our event could not happen and we truly appreciate every one of you.

Our event is Saturday the 13th this year but we are packing the cookies on Friday the 12th. Please contact Renee or Mary Ann if you can work on either day.

If you are not a baker or a cook - donations are greatly appreciated. We always need gift cards for our Market Auction or cash to help with our expenses.

Most of us are unaware of the many levels of need in our valley so 100% of our profits go toward helping those less fortunate in our area.

Please join us in helping others this Holiday Season.

# St. John's Christmas Market And Cookie Sale

**Saturday, December 13, 2025**

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Homemade Cookies, Nutroll, Cheesebreads,
Soups, Snack Mixes & More

Pickup Christmas Gifts $5 and Under

Vintage Jewelry

Chinese Auction including Signature “Basket of Cheer”

All proceeds to benefit local charities.

*For more information or to find out how you can help,*
*please speak with Renee Maceyko and Mary Ann Lavin.*

## *Happy Birthday!*

*God Grant Them Many, Blessed Years!*

**Coffee Hour on November 23, 2025**
*Our thanks to Noah, Jacob and dad Aaron Van Zanten for their contributions!*

### *Pray for Our Seminarians*

*Fr. Peter Sodini, Deacon Maximus Cannaverde, Fr. Alexander Hurtsellers, Bradley Shaffer, Nicholas Cizin, John Bonnewicz-Coffey, John Fedornock III, Spyridon Clay Raburn and Ignatius Leonardo*

## ■ Our Sponsors ■

### November 23, 2025

***Bulletin***
*In honor of mother Karen Bich's 80th Birthday, from Dawn & Mark Burns, Ron & Cindy Bich, and Lesley & Ben Rochester*

***Candelabrum***
*In Honor of grandmother/great-grandmother Karen Bich's 80th Birthday, from Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren*

***Eternal Lamp***
*In Honor of sister Karen Bich's Birthday, by Paula Kudelko*

### November 30, 2025

***Eternal Lamp***
*In Memory of +Anne Kudelko on the 5th Anniversary of Her Repose, by Bob & Lorraine Amos*

***Schedule of Men to Hold Candles During the Gospel***

| November 23 | November 30 | December 7 |
|---|---|---|
| Aaron Van Zanten | Jason Baker | Lucas Campbell |
| Donald Yasnowsky | Dave Beight | Jerry Chupak |
| Kevin Yasnowsky | Dennis Burprich | Ed Fabian |
| Gary Yonchak | Ben Campbell | Matt Fabian |
| Bob Amos | Evan Campbell | Chad Fette |